

# 2003 Report of Accomplishments

## Pierce Conservation District



### Natural Resource Improvements in 2003 – Summary

- 20+ Wildlife Habitat enhancement projects completed as partners or sponsors
- Achieved assessment funding (89.08.400 RCW)
- Authored WRIA 12 Salmon Habitat Limiting Factors Analysis
- Planned and engineered four Salmon Recovery Projects, to be Constructed in 2004



### Mission of the Pierce Conservation District

- *The Pierce Conservation District is a legal sub-entity of State Government mandated by RCW 89.08 to develop and administer voluntary, non-regulatory programs. The District promotes “on the ground” conservation and long-term sustainability of natural resources through action oriented leadership, partnership, stewardship, and education with the citizens, organizations and governments which have a stake in Pierce County for future generations.*

### Water Quality Implementation

- Assisted in creation of local Agricultural Conservation Easement Program.
- Worked with 14 cooperators to install 13 Best Management Practices (BMP), protecting and enhancing over five acres of riparian wildlife habitat.

### Basic Funding

- *The Pierce Conservation District used basic funding in 2003 to print outreach materials for Farm Planning workshops, furthering our program of voluntary land management practices throughout Pierce County*

### Local Funding

- Obtained RCW 89.08.400 Conservation Assessment through Pierce County Council.
- Provided assistance to various citizen groups through Pierce County Stream Team to plan and implement dozens of watershed protection activities.

### Puget Sound/Water Quality

- Catalogued fish passage barriers in Nisqually River Basin and Key Peninsula/Gig Harbor Watersheds.
- Assisted in Construction of Puget Creek Restoration project, opening 1.2 stream miles for chum and coho salmon.
- Prepared for 2004 construction of four salmon recovery projects, including Foothills Trail Restoration Project, White River Road Decommissioning Project, Sumner Sportsmen’s Club Oxbow Restoration Project, and West Milton/Hylebos Oxbow Reconnection Project .

### Professional Engineering

- Engineering work was done on the Mashel River Restoration and the Ohop Creek Restoration projects, major salmon recovery work in cooperation with the Nisqually Indian Tribe with this funding in 2003. Both projects have been rated top priority for restoration of endangered Nisqually River Chinook salmon.

## **Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)**

- *Implemented two CREP plantings in Gig Harbor and Nisqually Watersheds.*
  - *Reforested three acres of riparian habitat..*
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## **Dairy**

- *Brought six Pierce County dairies into compliance with Dairy Nutrient Management Act.*
  - *Approved four dairy plans.*
  - *Assisted NRCS in construction of one dairy lagoon system.*
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## **Watershed Conservation/Habitat Restoration**

- *Authored the Chambers/Clover Creek (WRIA 12) Salmon Habitat Limiting Factors Analysis*
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## **Community Collaboration & Coordination**

- *Worked with Puyallup River Watershed Council, Nisqually River Council, Chambers/Clover Creek Watershed Council, and Key Peninsula/Gig Harbor Watershed Council to prioritize and plan habitat restoration and protection projects and programs*
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## **Information & Education**

- *Continued Pierce County Stream Team, offering volunteer coordination of projects involving 300+ local volunteers.*
- *Assisted in formation of two local watershed protection groups.*

## **Washington Conservation Districts assisting land managers with their conservation choices**

